

The resolution (S. Res. 400) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

#### SIGNING AUTHORITY

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the senior Senator from Alaska, the junior Senator from Wyoming, the junior Senator from North Carolina, and the junior Senator from South Dakota be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions on Friday, February 9, 2018.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2017

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 36, H.R. 1301.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 1301) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the amendment at the desk be agreed to, the bill, as amended, be considered read a third time and passed, and the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment (No. 1942) was agreed to, as follows:

(Purpose: In the nature of a substitute)

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SEC. 101. The Continuing Appropriations Act, 2018 (division D of Public Law 115-56) is further amended by inserting after section 165 the following new section:

"SEC. 166. (a) Employees furloughed as a result of any lapse in appropriations which begins on or about February 9, 2018, shall be compensated at their standard rate of compensation, for the period of such lapse in appropriations, as soon as practicable after such lapse in appropriations ends.

"(b) For purposes of this section, 'employee' means:

"(1) a Federal employee;

"(2) an employee of the District of Columbia Courts;

"(3) an employee of the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia; or

"(4) a District of Columbia Government employee.

"(c) All obligations incurred in anticipation of the appropriations made and authority granted by this division for the purposes of maintaining the essential level of activity to protect life and property and bringing about orderly termination of Government functions, and for purposes as otherwise authorized by law, are hereby ratified and approved if otherwise in accord with the provisions of this division."

SEC. 102. For the purposes of division D of Public Law 115-56, the time covered by such division shall be considered to include the period which began on or about February 9, 2018, during which there occurred a lapse in appropriations.

This Act may be cited as the "Continuing Appropriations Amendments Act, 2018".

The amendment was ordered to be engrossed and the bill to be read a third time.

The bill was read the third time.

The bill (H.R. 1301), as amended, was passed.

#### ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2018, AND MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2018

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it

adjourn until 3 p.m., Monday, February 12; further, that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and morning business be closed; further, that following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to H.R. 2579, and notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXII, the cloture vote on the motion to proceed occur at 5:30 p.m., Monday. I further ask that if the House of Representatives does not concur in the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 1892, the Senate adjourn until 11 a.m. today; finally, that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

CONDITIONAL ADJOURNMENT  
UNTIL MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12,  
2018, AT 3 P.M.

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 1:57 a.m., conditionally adjourned until Monday, February 12, 2018, at 3 p.m.